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not the prisoner had the intention of going the lengths he did was matter for doubt; his blood was up, and he was striking about wildly, as was instanced by his accidentally striking the child.

At this stage the Court was adjourned for fifteen.

On the Court resuming at past 2 o'clock, His Lordship summed up the evidence to the Jury at some length. He said there were seven charges against the prisoner, but as they all had reference to one transaction, they might be taken together. The most serious offence with which the prisoner was charged was murder. He defined what murder was, explaining that the great characteristic of murder was malice, and charged the Jury to bear this in mind. The prisoner had had the benefit of a most able defence. His Lordship then reviewed the evidence, wherein it was clearly shown the prisoner had had intimacy with the first witness (Chun Amui). She (Chun Amui) admitted this at the Police Court, and it was a very important fact that she had altered her testimony. His Lordship thought, however, that the Jury could make some allowance for her, when they considered the great degree of importance the Chinese placed on the virtue of their women. He would at the same time advise the Jury to disregard her evidence, where she had made contradictory statements. Her testimony bore the stamp of truth, however, as there was nothing to show but what she was merely going to Kowloon with her sister to get some rice, as she had taken nothing with her but a couple of baskets.

His Lordship continued to review the evidence more in detail, and then said that looking at the doctor's testimony he could not imagine a more savage attack. With regard to the wound on the child, he thought the Jury might in charity believe that it was accidental, but there was little doubt that the prisoner wilfully assaulted Chun Amui. That, however, was the least serious part of the charge against him. With regard to the unfortunate woman who had been killed it was for the Jury to say whether the wounds which caused her death were inflicted by the prisoner, and if so whether he was actuated by malice, or simply wanted to do her grievous bodily harm. His Lordship, then defined the difference between murder and manslaughter. He said that even if there had been a chance to save the woman's life if she had had medical treatment sooner, that would not in the least degree excuse the prisoner from the consequences of his acts; providing he was actuated by malice.

The Jury retired at 3 o'clock, and after a few minutes absence returned a verdict of wilful murder.

The prisoner, when called upon to say why sentence of death should not be passed upon him, said that he had already stated before the Coroner was true.

His Lordship, before passing sentence, said that everyone would have been very glad indeed, if the circumstances of the case would have justified the jury in finding the prisoner guilty of the lesser crime, but they could not do less than find him guilty of murder. He (His Lordship) had no doubt that what the prisoner said with regard to the deceased taking Chun Amui from him was true, and he (prisoner) believing this, had gone out with the shopkeeper to stop them.

Sentence of death was then passed on the prisoner in the usual manner.

Regina v. Li Ayung.—The prisoner pleaded guilty of stealing a child. Sentence reserved.

The Sessions were then adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchanges.)

The British barque *Knight of Snowden*, of 655 tons register, on her voyage from Australia to Manila with 912 tons coal, has been wrecked off the Calatagan point. The unfortunate vessel experienced dead calms, and the currents dragged her on that coast between 10 and 11 p.m. of the 12th. She is considered a total wreck. The schooner *Galeo* brought the ship-wrecked crew to Manila. The *Semaforo de Santiago* reported on the 14th that the vessel had her stern under water. The wreck lies upon the reef some two miles from the land. Messrs. Gato & Co., auctioneers, announced the sale of the wreck and her cargo as she lies for Monday, the 17th instant. The steamer *Camiguin* left on the afternoon of the 14th for the scene of the wreck, to see what could be recovered from her.

On the 13th instant, in the district of Tondo, one Pedro Evaristo attempted to put an end to his existence by making a deep cut with a razor in his throat.

Although the public health in Manila is good, several cases of fever have been reported amongst the community.

Freights.—British barque *Spirit of the Age*, for Melbourne and Sydney, a full ship of dry sugar, at 22 per ton; British barque *Harkaway*, for New York, Teal sugar at \$8 per ton; British barque *Endi*, for New York, to load at Iloilo, dry sugar, at \$8 per ton; British barque *Marathon*, for San Francisco, dry sugar, at \$8 per ton; and British barque *Archos*, for New York, to load at Iloilo, wet sugar, at \$8 per ton.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

It is rumoured in Chinkiang that the Taotai is being urged to demand the removal of the hulk *Cacti*, but that he has so far had the good sense not to allow himself to be made a sat's paw for a second time, in this ridiculous matter. He supposes that in a case where such eminent men as himself as Captain Colom, R.M., Captain Bridgford, R.M.A., and our fellow-read, Mr. T. W. Kingmill, are of one opinion, there is no longer any ground for argument. We are glad to learn that the Taotai has taken so sensible a view of the case, in which he will be undoubtedly supported by the new Vice-roy and High Commissioner at Nanking. Wu, who in his late government at Soochow has won golden opinions both from Chinese and foreigners on account of his just rule.

WENCHOW. June 6th.

Leikin, that bugbear of last year, seems to have completely subsided. All the old officials have been superseded, and the present ones recognise the fact that an excessive tax only injured themselves, whereas the contrary policy would not only be remunerative but the means of saving an infinity of trouble by reason of the increased incentive

to smuggling and evasion generally which the high rate gave rise to.

As far as goods are concerned, the tax has been "farmed," nominally, to one man for a fixed sum, said to be \$2,000 per annum, to be lowered next year should the speculation be unsuccessful, or raised if the results are such as to warrant this being done. It would appear that the former is certainly the most probable issue. I say nominally to one man, for there are undoubtedly others who contribute to the funds.

An attempt was made to favour cargo passing through native hands, as against that imported by foreigners; but this was quickly discovered and most effectively put down.—Our old Taotai has gone and his successor (himself, however, only a *locum tenens*) does not seem to be much of an improvement on the antiquated fossil he relieved. He has had slight previous experience of foreigners, that is to say he has been an underling in the Tsung-li Yamen; but up to this he has not shown himself superlatively gifted with common sense, a commodity which the other lacked only in a more marked degree. The Taotai regularly appointed to this place has, I understand, stayed for a time at the provincial capital, and will not come on here until the Autumn.—I regret to learn that the Viceroy seems to be showing undue partiality towards Fukien, and has permitted the erection of a prohibitory barrier at Poo-ching in that province, at which opium coming in from Chekiang is very heavily taxed, and tea going out subjected to the same penal imposition. This is, of course, a direct hit at Ningpo and Wenchow, as from the former a very great deal of drug found its way to Fukien; and to the latter only time is wanted to develop a tea trade which must distract considerably from that at present existing at Foochow. Should the plan be carried into effect, a system of smuggling, supported by armed force, will undoubtedly arise, and the lekin and other officials probably find their work out for them. It is not probable, I should think, that the latter will get much aid from their colleagues in Chekiang, as, of course, the more of either articles that passes through their stations the better for them.

However, these attempts must in the end be defeated, and the pressure of demand direct the supply into channels offering the greatest facilities for accommodating it. Our weather for the past six months has been simply delightful—cool, dry and bright. To-day rain has fallen; but as this was somewhat desired by the farmer, we cannot complain.—*N. O. D. News.*

The Straits.

(Singapore Daily Times.)

As will be seen by our advertisement columns, Mr. Wash Norton's "Merry Makers" will give an entertainment in the Town Hall to-morrow evening (June 13th).

The 18,000 dollars prize of the May Manila lottery drawing was won collectively by five persons in the province of Cavite, the share being as follows—three-tenths to a Spaniard, another three-tenths to a Chinaman, two tenths to another son of the Celestial Empire, a tenth to an individual of the same race, and the last tenth to a person whose name had not been published.

In reference to the loss of a man from on board the *Rosa*, bound from Singapore to Sourabaya, announced in our issue of Friday last, we learn that upon inquiry having been made, certain circumstances of so suspicious a character are reported to attach to the case, that Inspector Richards felt it was his duty to arrest the Supercargo of the *Rosa*, who is charged with having caused voluntary hurt to the deceased, who, it is said, was beaten violently on the vessel shortly before his disappearance.

As will be seen by our advertisement columns, Mr. Fairclough, the tragedian, will, assisted by Miss Eliza May and members of her troupe, give choice selections in character from Lord Lytton's "Lady of Lyons" in the Town Hall this evening (June 10th).

A telegram was received here yesterday (June 9th) from Saigon, by the vessel's Agents, Messrs. Harrison & Co., announcing the total loss and abandonment of the British barque *Magnolia*, 1,082 tons, Captain Cator, which left this on the 22nd May last for Shanghai, laden with timber. The vessel appears to have struck on one of the Polo Condore Islands. The Captain and crew had arrived at Saigon. The telegram was as follows:—"Magnolia abandoned third Polo Condore."

Captain Griffiths, of the British barque *Princess of Wales*, has taken to the Shipping Office a seaman named George Johnson whom he picked up at Brown Island on the 16th May last. From the latter, we glean the following particulars regarding the ill-fated Barque *Carleton* of Yarmouth Nova Scotia, which was wrecked there on the 11th of March last. George Johnson was a seaman on board the *Carleton*, which was bound from Melbourne to Hamburg. She called at Brown Island, about ninety miles from the coast of Australia, northward, to load Guano, and whilst there a strong gale sprang up at midnight of the 11th of March, and the vessel parted her cable and drifted on shore. All her provisions and stores were saved. The Captain, his wife, and four others were still on the island when he left. Five hands went to Port Darwin in the *Marion*, and two to Hamburg in the Barque *Flora*. No hardship was experienced whilst on the island, there being sufficient food and water, and no lives were lost during the accident.

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Rumor is rearranging the diplomatic service of Japan in a variety of ways. Mr. Tanaka, Vice Minister of Public Instruction, who was last week spoken of in connection with the mission to Rome, is now declared destined for China. There is, in fact, some ground for this latter report. Mr. Tanaka has at least been proposed for that service, though his appointment is not yet decided upon. For the legation in Italy, Mr. Sano, an officer of diplomatic antecedents, is said to have been designated.

On learning of the recent attempted assassination of the sovereign of Germany, H. M. the Emperor of Japan sent Mr. Sano, Vice Minister of the Imperial Household, to communicate to the German envoy his sympathy and regret at the unfortunate event, and his gratification that no serious injury had been inflicted.

An announcement is made of the intention of the young prince who represents the house of Kanai to enter the Toyama military college as a cadet. He is now again said to have tendered his resignation as a chief of police.

Philadelphia, May 15.—The North American announces that the *Stars of California*, to be launched to-morrow, and built for the Pacific Coast Navigation Company, was made in New York to representatives of the Russian Government. The first launch, one hundred thousand in gold, was paid. The remainder is to be paid at intervals in the next two months. The steamer was built with the special object of speed, and will attain fifteen knots an hour, making her way of the latest vessels of

Singapore.

"Salving operations," says the *Panay Gazette* of the 29th May, "on board the S. S. *Voorwaarts* are being gone on with energetically. Over 700 slabs of Tin, with a large quantity of other cargo, have been already recovered. The Panay Foundry Company have undertaken the task of raising the wreck, as well as that of recovering the sunken cargo. She has about 4,600 piculs of Tin on board and sundry other non-perishable articles. The Managers of the Company, as well those who contribute to the funds,

she would be specially serviceable for privateering purposes.

Philadelphia, May 14.—There has been a rumour, for over two weeks, that agents of the Russian Government, were in this city, for the purpose of making arrangements for the purchase of Philadelphia-built steamers, to be used for belligerent purposes in case of war between England and Russia. For all ships of the American line, the President and Secretary of the Company authoritatively deny any such offer, and Mr. George Cramp, British Consul at this port, knows nothing of it.

At New York, there has been a revival of Pacific Mail stock on rumours of a possible sale of their steamers *City of Peking* and *City of Tokio* to the Russian Government.

The steamship *Cimbria*, now in American waters, was chartered on the 24th of March by the Russian Admiralty for a year, to serve exclusively as a transport. The amount paid was £14,800. The value of the vessel is secured to the owners by Messrs. Mendelsohn, Berlin bankers. Her principal work will be to supply provisions and munitions of war to the Russian fleet in the Pacific. Her present destination, after taking aboard war material contracted for in America, is North Japan.

London, May 14.—A coasting steamer ashore in the river Avon completely blocks the port of Bristol.

Providence, May 14.—The Providence Tool Company has just completed a contract with the Russian Government for the manufacture of over half a million of rifles, of the same pattern and calibre as those furnished to the Ottoman Government. The factory will be running on full time before the last of the week, with from fifteen hundred to two thousand men employed.

The report of the militia being called out at Fort Erie, anticipating a Fenian raid, early on Monday morning, is confirmed. Unusual excitement prevailed along the border, owing to the reported crossing of four hundred Fenians, but nothing occurred at Buffalo to cause any such precautions by the Canadians. The whole thing is looked upon there as a joke.

Berlin, May 15.—At the reception of the Ministers yesterday, the Emperor said that such occurrences as Hoedl's attempt ought by no means to be treated too lightly. At the time he himself was a member of the Ministry, he had always insisted upon the danger which would result from the triumph of the tendencies of the period hostile to the State. His apprehensions were confirmed by 1848. Now it was in still a higher degree the duty of the Government to make every exertion to prevent the revolutionary elements from gaining the upper hand.

Before the police, Hoedl reiterated his assertion that he did not shoot at the Emperor, but several witnesses depose that they saw him aim at His Majesty. It is expected that his trial before the High Court will begin shortly. The penalty for his crime is death.

Among the telegrams congratulating the Emperor upon his escape from assassination was one signed by the President of the French Republic, MacMahon, which has made an especially favourable impression.

London, May 15.—A Torpedo Committee has been engaged on the Hooghly River, to determine at what points it is advisable to place torpedo-pods for the protection of Diamond Harbour and Calcutta in case of emergency.

The five turret ships *Gorgon*, *Hecate*, *Hydra*, *Cyclops*, and *Prince Albert* were formally commissioned on Wednesday at Devonport. The *Iron Duke* made her final satisfactory trial, obtaining thirteen knots speed. The Admiralty are negotiating for the purchase of a steamer, which is being built at Caledonian Works, Preston, for river traffic.

Sir William Mitchell, proprietor of the *Shipping and Mercantile Gazette* and founder of the International Code of Signals, is dead.

Paris, May 15.—This afternoon, the Prince of Wales came to the American headquarters, and was received by Governor McCormick and the Assistant United States Commissioners. The Prince was accompanied by the Princess of Wales, the Prince of Denmark, and Cunliffe Owen, Secretary of the British Commission. The party spent nearly an hour in the American Section, and the Prince manifested much interest in the exhibition.

Quebec, May 12.—People along the Labrador coast are starving, the fisheries having failed. The people are forced to eat dog food, and even dogs themselves. Scourvy is epidemic. There are many deaths from starvation. Of five families, containing forty, only five survive.

Belgrade, May 16.—The Serbian Corps of Observation, hitherto consisting of 15,000 men, has been reduced to 8,000. This was caused by the fear of a Turkish attack. The Turks have been concentrating, under Hafiz Pasha, on the southern line of demarcation.

London, May 16.—A special says the Porte will allow no further addition to the British fleet at Izmid.

Berlin, May 16.—It is reported that, in view of the attack upon the Emperor, the Government has resolved to propose, and even to introduce by administrative decrees, serious restrictions on the freedom and right of public meetings. Efforts will be made to bring about common action on the part of Germany, Russia, England, and United States, and other countries where Socialist and Communistic symptoms have lately appeared.

London, May 16.—The election for Member of Parliament for Oxford University, is regarded as a test of the feeling of the clergy on the Eastern question.

Fethiye, May 16.—The Lower House of the Hungarian Diet to-day adopted the bill providing for a credit of 40,000,000 florins. Only the Extreme Left were opposed to the bill. In the course of debate, Tisza, the Prime Minister, stated that the Government regarded the affairs of the Balkan Christians as a European question, which they intended to settle in concert with Europe.

St. Petersburg, May 16.—The Russian papers brought on to Yokohama by the O. & O. str. *Gauli*, are extracted from the daily papers brought down from Yokohama by the French Mail.

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SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CAL-
CUTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON SATURDAY, the 22nd June, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S. **YANGTSE**, Commandant RAPATEL, with **MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPORE**, and **CARGO**, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 21st June, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUHEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, June 10, 1878. jec22

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Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. of 21st Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of name is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, June 11, 1878. jec22



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Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. of the 3rd July. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of name is required.

A Reduction is made on Return Passages Tickets.

SPECIAL REDUCTIONS granted to Officers of the ARMY and NAVY and to Members of the CIVIL and CONSULAR SERVICES.

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China Mail Office,

Hongkong, May 13, 1878.

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When the list of Agencies is completed, it will be published. Agents have been already established in most of the above places, and in important ports more than one agent has been appointed at each.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1878.

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G. R. BROWN, Agent.

Hongkong, August 14, 1878.

Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

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